

**SENATOR TILLMAN  
REPLIES TO GOVERNOR**

**SEN. CLAIMS RIGHT TO WRITE  
"CONFIDENTIAL" LETTERS.**

**Says Influence of Mrs. Tillman Kept  
Him on Fence—Did Not Mean  
to Be Dumb.**

To The General Assembly of South  
Carolina:  
Gentlemen:

I have just read Governor Blease's message sent to your honorable body yesterday, and have been informed that both houses did me the justice to order publication in its Journal to be suspended until my reply could go along with it. For this consideration, please accept my thanks.

What Governor Blease's motives are very evident in the message. He desires to continue the bitterness engendered last summer; and wishes to be revenged on me; but the primary object he has in view is to keep the minds of the people stirred up and not allow the waters to clear sufficiently to let them see what sort of man he really is. Catiline among the Romans, and Aaron Burr among the Americans, are the only other men I have read of who were equal to Blease in bamboozling the people. He has persuaded thousands of good South Carolinians, honorable clean patriotic citizens, into believing that he is their best friend and that Tillman's mantle has fallen on his shoulders. He is a past master in the arts of a domagogue. He knows full well that when the angry passions of the masses are aroused, they lose their reason. He desires to come to the senate, as he boasted he would do at Richmond in December last, and feels it obligatory on him to aggravate conditions in South Carolina as much as possible. Whether this is the right way to electioneer or not will be shown by the result of the next senatorial primary. If the South Carolina newspapers do not help him by abuse and misrepresentation, he will never get here.

His charges against me boiled down are:

- 1st. With writing "Secret letters stabbing him in the back."
- 2nd. Hypocrisy.
- 3rd. With conspiring with W. E. Gonzales.
- 4th. Jealousy.
- 5th. Feebleness of mind.
- 6th. Having lent myself, which could only be expected of an imbecile, to sign my name to an article dictated by someone else whom he designates as "A statesman without a job," and "This astute big Ex."

I will take these charges up serially:

If ever a man wanted to be hands off in a political contest, I was that man last summer. Time and again I was importuned to take a hand and to come out for law and order and decency. But I steadfastly refused. I received hundreds of letters first and last urging me with intense earnestness to come out and announce my preference as between the candidates who were running for governor. But I was unwilling to do so.

After Mr. Sims wrote me and made the appeal that I should answer certain inquiries which he propounded in defense of Tillmanism, I wrote him the letter I did. Immediately a phrase in it was seized on by the newspapers to proclaim that I had come out for Judge Jones. The headlines mainly were used to deceive the people and misrepresent me. I felt called on to take notice of this and wrote the article of August 12, which Governor Blease quotes.

Right here I desire to call attention to the evidence going to show that Governor Blease and certain of his friends were in a conspiracy; the friends to write me pretending to be my friends, draw me out as to my attitude towards him, and then show him the letters. Otherwise, how did he come into possession of so many of my letters marked "personal and confidential?"

I have the original letters at Trenton to show that perhaps one hundred men wrote me along the same lines. These letters came thick and fast and my answers were always marked "personal." It is very evident that Blease has seen many of my letters which were marked personal and the recipient asked not to show them to anyone. Thus it can be seen whether they were secret or not. Some of those correspondents who were Blease's friends hastened to show them or to send him copies. They were in no way the "secret letters" he would have the people believe, but letters which ought to have been secret as far as the public was concerned and as far as Blease himself was concerned.

But I am not concerned about the Blease conspiracy with his friends as much as I am about clearing myself of the charge of hypocrisy, and of writing secret letters for the purpose

of stabbing him in the back.

The charge of hypocrisy can best be answered by pointing to my public and private life. If there is any vice in human beings that I despise, it is hypocrisy and double-dealing. It is next to cowardice, the most despicable of human traits.

Governor Blease stresses the point of secret letters, and, with great cunning, picks out sentences from private letters which I had written to my friends, or men who represented themselves as my friends, to prove that I was not frank. He stresses the fact that Mr. Sims was not his friend and is delighted to find I had written one letter to a man not a Bleasite. I do not believe many people in South Carolina will accept his theory—that I am a hypocrite and a double-dealer because, in writing personal letters and marking them "confidential," I explained to these men who were Blease's friends and who claimed to be my friends what my real opinions were. Because I said I would be "hands off" did not mean, nor is it reasonable to claim that it meant I would be dumb.

3rd. The conspiracy with W. E. Gonzales is not conceivable or believable by anyone except a man who in his desperation, made that charge in order to fire the hearts of his followers. The people of South Carolina well understand the relations between the Gonzales brothers and the Tillmans. The feud is of long standing and all well informed people know what provocation the Tillmans have had and with what relentless energy and with what ability the Gonzales brothers have prosecuted their side of it. I do not wish to stir the embers of this feud anew, and I have no such purpose in calling attention to this long standing quarrel. Governor Blease knows that he did not believe, when he wrote his dodger last August, that I had entered into any conspiracy whatever with W. E. Gonzales. I have been told that the Gonzales brothers voted for me in the primary last August.

Let this be so or not, I do not know and do not care. But I know that I never saw Pat McGowan or read Gonzales' private telegrams to him which some of Blease's friends stole off the wires; and if I had it would not have influenced me at all.

Right here, I will ask Governor Blease to answer point blank, how did he get copies of Gonzales' telegrams to McGowan? He is such a stickler for the forms of honesty in others, will he honor bright and tell us who stole them?

I know and assert on my honor that I alone wrote the Ferguson letter and that no one else had anything to do with it, or anything else I have written or signed.

The following statement has just been handed me by Mr. A. M. Carpenter, of Anderson, South Carolina, telling how the Ferguson letter came to be given out and how the statement which accompanied it was made up for the press.

**Carpenter's Statement.**

About 6 o'clock in the afternoon of August 23, 1912, I met Senator and Mrs. Tillman at the North entrance to the Capitol building. They had started for home, and had stopped and were talking to Mr. J. M. Baker, one of the officers of the senate. Senator Tillman stopped me and said he wanted to ask my advice. He stated that at the beginning of the gubernatorial campaign in South Carolina he had declared he would take no part in it, and had tried to follow that course; but that during the two or three weeks just previous he had received a number of letters from people in the State whom he thought to be his friends, asking his opinion of Jones and Blease, and that he had replied to these letters frankly, that in each case he had made it plain to his correspondent that he was writing in confidence, but he had found that in some cases his confidence had been betrayed, that the letters were being misrepresented, and that he had been placed in the position of doing secretly things he was afraid to do openly. He said he had been placed in a false position before his friends and his enemies, and that he felt that he ought to give out a newspaper statement explaining his position fully. Mrs. Tillman said she did not want him to give out the statement, and he said he would not do anything against her wishes but he felt very strongly that he should make a public statement, in justice to himself and to his friends in the State. We discussed the matter for some little time, and Senator Tillman finally said he would not decide at the moment what he would do, but invited Mr. Baker and myself to come to his rooms at the Dewey Hotel that night, when he would have his mind fully made up.

I went to the Dewey Hotel about 8 o'clock that night, and found in Senator Tillman's room Mr. Baker, Mr. T. H. Daniel, of the Spartanburg Herald, and Mr. Wyche, Senator Tillman's

stenographer. Mr. Murray of the News and Courier came in a little while later. After a few minutes of general conversation Senator Tillman told us he had decided to give out a statement, and began dictating it to his stenographer. The dictation occupied perhaps fifteen or twenty minutes. During the time of it Senator Tillman stopped once or twice to weigh a sentence, but he finished it without interruption and without suggestion from anyone present. After taking the statement in shorthand, Mr. Wyche wrote it out on a typewriter and gave it to Senator Tillman, who read it aloud to us. He made, as I remember, but one change in the draft, and that was a minor one, in the phrasing of a sentence. He then told his stenographer to give copies of it to the eminent newspaper men.

After getting through with this Senator Tillman drew a long breath and then laughed. "I feel that I have simply discharged a duty," he said, "and now I feel better. I am off the fence." I walked from the Dewey Hotel to F. street in company with Mr. Daniel and Mr. Murray. They had been impressed, as I had been, with Senator Tillman's force in dictating the statement. One of us remarked that while Senator Tillman had had a severe illness it had not impaired the vigor of his intellect, and this was heartily agreed to by the others. Senator Tillman's statement was filed in the telegraph office on F. street for transmission to the South Carolina papers that night. I know that Senator Tillman gave out the statement against the advice of Mrs. Tillman and some of his closest friends, and certainly it was dictated when nobody was present except those mentioned above, and without suggestions of any kind from any of them.

(Signed) A. M. Carpenter.  
Washington, D. C. January 17, 1913.

The South Carolina newspapers had hounded Governor Blease so continuously during the campaign, had been so unfair in their opposition, that the people of the State had lost absolutely all faith in their honesty, or truthfulness. When the statement appeared in the newspapers Saturday morning, I received a number of telegrams asking if it was authentic. Many of my friends had been misled by Governor Blease to that point where they doubted not only the newspapers, but also doubted me.

The 4th charge of jealousy is so ridiculous that I cannot bring myself to consider it seriously. Ben Tillman jealous of Cole Blease! It is unthinkable and, were I to answer it seriously I would be convicted in the minds of all sensible people in South Carolina of the next charge:

5. Feebleness of mind. Whether my mind is feeble or not the people will judge for themselves. I am willing to leave it to any jury in South Carolina, Bleasites or others, whether Ben Tillman is feeble-minded or Cole Blease is crazy.

The Blease circular issued on August 25th, which he republishes in the message, says—and he prints it in capitals—"I have never seen the Ferguson letter, and did not know what was in it until I saw it in the newspapers, and when Gonzales says I did and that 'Bleasie will fight Tillman' he wired what was wilfully untrue."

Notwithstanding Governor Blease's denial I know that he did fight in more counties than one and that his trusted lieutenants were very active in marshaling his followers, many of them once my best friends, to vote against me on the day of the primary. News to this effect came to me from all over the State, and the vote shows it. I have no doubt whatever that the Ferguson letter caused me to lose 35,000 votes, while it gained me about 10,000. This was what I expected when I gave it out, but I could not remain quiet after my confidence had been so betrayed. The "midnight star" of which he complains—meaning the lateness in the campaign when the letter was given out—was attributable to my wife's influence. She begged me to stand by my oft-repeated promise to remain hands off.

I was elected in spite of him, and he was elected in spite of me. I got more votes than he did and feel that I am a better representative of the State than he will ever be; was a better governor than he has made; and have made a better senator than he can possibly make.

While what he says about the May Convention and the Southern Railway lawyers may be true, he could not wriggle away from the fact that Ben Abney lives in the Executive Mansion, although it is the people's house and not a hotel. I am informed that his salary is greater than all other Southern Railway lawyers in the State. He is the real octopus which strangles the legislature and persuades it to do his bidding, and has conferences with Blease whenever he sees fit.

Governor Blease asks me specifically to say why I "dragged in the names of Colonel Abney and Hon. Sam J. Nicholls, and if I did so voluntarily,"

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Geo. D. F. Lyles,  
Administrator.

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By order of Council.

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Pension Commissioner for Newberry County.

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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

George S. Mower, Treasurer of Erskine College, Plaintiff,  
against  
Emma Mahon, Defendant.

By virtue of an order of Court herein, I will sell before the Court House at Newberry, South Carolina, Monday, the 3rd day of February, 1913, within the legal hours of sale, to the highest bidder:

All that lot, piece or parcel of land lying and situate in the Town of Newberry, county and State aforesaid, containing one half (1-2) acre, more or less, on the corner of Adams and Calhoun street of said town and bounded on the north by Calhoun street, on the east and south by land of P. E. Scott and M. L. Spearman and on the west by Adams street.

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H. H. Rikard,  
Master.

Master's Office, January 13, 1913.

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